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Mr. Payne is devoted to Mr. Roosevelt and will back his policies. He has been selected in part to replace Mr. Hanna, who is the closest friend in the west, and was looked to by all who were interested in themselves in Mr. Roosevelt's political future.

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## BECOMES CONSCIOUS

**Mrs. Dennis Reported to Have Recovered From Stupor.**

**QUESTIONED FOR OVER HALF AN HOUR**

**Makes No Disclosures Which Will Justify an Arrest.**

**IN DYING CONDITION**

The physicians who are attending Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the victim of the assault committed a week ago Tuesday morning, are of the opinion that she will not live until tomorrow. She had a sinking spell about 6 o'clock this morning and Dr. Atkinson was summoned to the hospital long before the regular hour for holding the consultation. Drs. J. Ford Thompson and A. B. Hoar reached the hospital shortly before 11 o'clock and found Mrs. Dennis practically in a dying condition. A saline solution was infused and Mrs. Dennis was soon restored to consciousness.

She was perfectly rational, and for more than half an hour the physicians discussed with her the question of the assault. When her condition was such that she was readily able to understand what was said to her and give sensible responses the doctors summoned Detective Edward Horne to the room, and he heard what she had to say. "Who struck you with the piano stool?" was one of the important questions asked the supposed dying woman, and Mrs. Dennis, who is well known all over the city, she responded: "I don't know."

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## LIBERAL MAJORITY

**Republican 'Whips' Promise Regarding Philippine Tariff.**

**SOME BREAKS ON BOTH SIDES**

**Taking of Vote Fixed for Four O'clock.**

**IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The "whips" on both sides of the House were actively at work this morning preparing for the vote on the Philippine tariff bill, which is set for 4 p.m. This will be the first division of any importance since the new membership of the House assembled. The republican majority at present is 37, as against 14 in the last House. Representative Tawney, the republican whip, said of the probable result of the vote: "The bill will pass by a liberal majority, although there will be some breaks on both sides. On the republican side we will not lose to exceed eight votes. This loss will be partially compensated by the gain of the Louisiana delegation of six votes. The net result shows that the bill will pass without trouble."

The republican members who have announced opposition to the bill are Representatives McCall (Mass.), Littlefield (Me.) and Cushman (Ind.). The latter is a senator and will be present against the bill if possible, although democratic members are refusing to pair with him owing to his attitude on southern elections. Representative Warner (Ill.) and three republican members of the Minnesota delegation are among the other republicans whose votes are doubtful and may be cast against the bill.

**Small Attendance in the Galleries.** The attendance in the House galleries at noon did not indicate much public interest in the debate. Mr. Henry (Tex.) was the first speaker. He characterized the bill as oppressive and outrageous. Months instead of two days, he said, would not be too long for a discussion of a measure of vital interest to the people of the United States. The injustice of the double export and import tax on rice, sugar and tobacco, and charged that this double taxation was in the interest of the sugar and tobacco trusts.

Mr. Henry took issue with his Louisiana colleagues as to the effect of free trade with the Philippines upon the sugar industry of Louisiana. He pointed out that Porto Rico last year produced more sugar for export than the Philippines, and denied that free sugar from the islands would threaten the Louisiana industry with annihilation. The benefits from the sale of cotton to rice, he argued, would more than compensate for any injury to the sugar industry.

Mr. Williams (Miss.) followed Mr. Henry. He said that as long as the Philippines are within its domain it should be treated as part of the Union, with the same rights and responsibilities as the other territories. But to avoid the embarrassments, hardships and difficulties of the situation he believed we should get rid of the islands as soon as we could do so with honor to ourselves and benefit to the Philippines.

**Supreme Court Criticized.** Mr. Williams paid his respects to the Supreme Court, which, he said, arrived at a decision of "a shifting majority of one." He declared that the court was sometimes domestic and sometimes foreign. It made of the old, inflexible, oath-bound Constitution an instrument that would bend to political necessities. There was no danger, he said, if the country were not so divided, that the court would become a "mother country" for people in the east. It was more likely to become a "stepmother" country.

**Opposed to Cuban Independence.** Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) followed Mr. Williams. He said that the democratic party had offered nothing in the way of a bill to approve the present measure. He declared the Filipinos were incapable of self-government, and in reply to a question by Mr. Shafroth as to the capability of the Cubans, said they were not fit for self-government. He said the democratic party forced the administration into a position where it was compelled to declare for the independence of the islands.

This was greeted with democratic applause. "You may applaud," said Mr. Hepburn, "but I do not intend to give you the acknowledgment the unwieldy of giving Cuba independence." (Republican applause.)

**THE SENATE.** After the transaction of routine business in the Senate today Mr. Platt (Conn.), offered a resolution suspending the rule providing for the appointment of members of the various Senate committees by the President. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Platt then submitted another resolution appointing, formally, the committees for the fifty-seventh Congress. The names of the members of the committees have already been published.

It was adopted. The bill authorizing the construction of a railroad bridge across the Arkansas river, near Fort Gibson, Indian territory, was passed.

At 12:45 the Senate, on motion of Mr. Hale (Me.), went into executive session. The Senate at 2:30 p.m. adjourned.

**MORE CALVARY FOR CHAFFEE** **SAID TO BE NEEDED FOR RAIDS IN THE INTERIOR.**

**Not Admitted at War Department.** **Views of a General Officer Written From Philippines.**

Although not admitted at the War Department, it is understood that General Chaffee has notified the department that he needs more cavalry troops for the execution of the military plan adopted for the complete restoration of peace and order in the Philippines. It is said that General Chaffee is "fed up" with the situation in the interior of the islands, where the spirit of insurrection is still manifest, especially in Samar, where the recent disaster to the 9th Infantry occurred. A general officer in the islands in a private letter to a friend in this city expressed the belief that an army of at least 50,000 men will be required in the Philippines for the purpose of restoring order. Although no orders have yet been issued, it is understood that the department is considering the advisability of sending the 12th Cavalry to the Philippines to replace the 9th Infantry. In addition to troops previously ordered to relieve homecoming soldiers, the 12th Cavalry is now stationed in the Department of Cavalry. It may be needed it is probable that the 13th and 14th Regiments, now stationed in the west, will be drawn upon.

Two general officers must be provided for to assist General Chaffee in his military operations to take the places of General Hughes and Funston, who are coming home. It was stated at the War Department today as a probability that this requirement may be met by the promotion of two colonels in the field and their assignment to brigade commands.

**SAMPSON-SCILEY CONTROVERSY.** **Fapers From Counsel of Both Not Yet Received.**

There were no developments in the Sampson-Sciley controversy today, so far as the Navy Department is concerned. The state-

ment was made that up to a late hour no additional communications had been received from the court of inquiry or from either Admiral Sampson or Admiral Sciley. The counsel of either the admiral or the court have received permission to file against the approval of Admiral Dewey's supplemental report and the objections which the counsel for Admiral Sciley have received permission to file against the approval of the final report of the court. The objections which the counsel of Admiral Dewey have received permission to file against the approval of Admiral Sciley's supplemental report and the objections which the counsel for Admiral Sciley have received permission to file against the approval of the final report of the court. The objections which the counsel of Admiral Dewey have received permission to file against the approval of Admiral Sciley's supplemental report and the objections which the counsel for Admiral Sciley have received permission to file against the approval of the final report of the court.

**Some of the Navy's Prepare Brief.** A dispatch from New York yesterday says: Stanton & Campbell, attorneys for Rear Admiral Sampson, are drawing up a formal protest against the finding of Admiral Dewey. Mr. Campbell said today: "We are preparing a brief and have until Thursday afternoon to file it. It is upon the record of the court, three times in the absence of Admiral Sampson, there was a tender of evidence to show who was in command at the battle of Manila Bay. The court ruled that such testimony was inadmissible. The question was not gone into. As a matter of fact, Rear Admiral Sampson's flag was never hoisted at Manila Bay. The question of command at Santiago has already been passed upon by the court of claims, which said that honor to Rear Admiral Sampson."

**BUSHROD ROBINSON DEAD** **PROMINENT IN BUSINESS CIRCLES FOR HALF A CENTURY.**

**Lived Retired Life in His Later Years.** **Death Results From Bright's Disease.**

Bushrod Robinson, one of Washington's oldest citizens and well-known business men, died this morning at 10 o'clock at his residence, 1809 19th street northwest. Mr. Robinson was seventy-two years of age. He had been in poor health for the past year, suffering from Bright's disease, but a decided change for the worse took place last Wednesday. He had been slowly sinking for some time, and his family were called to the bedside, and remained there until the end came.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife and one son. He had lived in Washington all his life, and for over fifty years was one of the city's most prominent business men. While he was yet a boy he was a candidate for the place of Senate clerk, but his outspoken opinion against the administration then in power kept him out of the position. Later on he was appointed to a position in the Senate post office, which he held for some time. He was then employed by the son & Wall opened a clothing store on Pennsylvania avenue between 9th and 10th streets, and this business was carried on for many years. He was a member of the firm of Robinson & Co., which was the firm's name, and then Robinson & Chery. In the latter firm Mr. Robinson had his last active business experience, and was a member of the firm.

Notwithstanding the sufferings entailed through his prolonged illness, Mr. Robinson was always cheerful and pleasant, and frequently referred to the early days of his life, when the capital city was little more than a struggling town. But a few weeks ago, during a conversation relating to the oldest citizens of Washington, Mr. Robinson said he believed he was the only person then living who had attended the funeral of President Tyler. He was a strip of a boy then, he said, but the experience was indelibly imprinted upon his mind.